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No. 971

R. W. Barker

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On application

for a P.O. at

Maple Lake Bridge

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No. 971

Post Office Inspector's Office

Kingston, 14th Nov'r 1877

Sir,

Referring to the accompanying Memorial praying for the establishment of a Post office, I beg to state that the proposed site is on Lot No. 30 in the 5th Concession of the township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton, about twelve miles distant from Haliburton and seven miles from Carnarvon.

A small store is kept at the proposed site by a Mr. James Melville who is mentioned in connection with the Post-Mastership; but there are no other places of business in the vicinity. "Maple Lake" is the name of the settlement, and there are some forth families scattered here and there, some of whom would no doubt find it convenient to have a Post office close by, but the principal Road out of the settlement passes directly by the Carnarvon and Horseshoe Bridge offices, and it was chiefly with a view to the accommodation of the Maple Lake settlement that the Carnarvon office was moved to its present site on the 1st instant as it was considered that the Carnarvon office would meet the requirements of the Maple Lake settlement for a few years to come at least. I think, therefore, that an office in the Maple Lake settlement is not very much needed at present. If, however, one is established, it could be supplied weekly from Carnarvon at a cost of about #40. per annum.

The sketch attached to my report No. 970 will explain the position of the places referred to herein.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obd't serv't

R. W. Barker

P.O. Inspector

The Honorable

The Postmaster General,

Ottawa

Mowat, MacLennan & Downey,

Solicitors

TorontoCanada

Toronto, July 18th, 1877

Dear Sir

I have been requested to forward to you the enclosed petition from a number of my former constituents, and I shall be glad if it is found that their wishes can with propriety be complied with

Your ob't ser't

James MacLennan

The Hon. L. H. Huntingdon

PM Gen'l

Ottawa

To the Hon. the Post Master General

Sir We the undersigned petitioners being settlers in the Township of Guilford and Stanhope request you to take into consideration this position being a great distance from any Post Office pray that you will establish for them a Post Office at a point known as Mapl Lake Bridge it being a very central position. We would also ask that the mail be served from Haliburton And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

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| 1. J. W. Hunt | 25. Geo Finly | 49. Wm Pocket |
| 2. Wm. Hunt | 26. Allen Horsley | 50. Geo Sims |
| 3. John H. Billing | 27. A. Barnum x | |
| 4. Martin ?vill | 28. James Melville | |
| 5. Anthony Delong | 29. Wm. Barnum x | |
| 6. Wm. Redner | 30. W. C. Melville (Teacher)x | |
| 7. John Redner | 31. W. Roberts | |
| 8. W. C. Redner | 32. J. Stevens | |
| 9. W. H. Sawyer | 33. Richard Sisson | |
| 10. H. D. Sawyer | 34. Duncan McPhail | |
| 11. John archer | 35. Chas. McPhail | |
| 12. George E. Bate | 36. John Barnum x | |
| 13. James B?w?y | 37. Geo A Haddon x | |
| 14. J. C. Lang | 38. R. Jackson | |
| 15. W. Blott | 39. John Hunt | |
| 16. ? Rednor | 40. Joseph Hunt | |
| 17. Geo. Thompson | 41. John Grimmiott | |
| 18. H. McFail | 42. Wm. Jones | |
| 19. ? O. Byall | 43. R. Decon | |
| 20. Benjamin Clark | 44. John McPhail | |
| 21. Geo. Clark | 45. Tho. Sissons | |
| 22. Ed Lloyd | 46. W. A. Sissons | |
| 23. Thos Jones | 47. Jos. Sawyer | |
| 24. Lewis McDonald | 48. E. Packet | |

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Maple Lake Sept 5th 1880

Sir

I am requested by the residents of Maple Lake and vicinity (former petitioners to your Honor for the establishing of a post office in this settlement) to represent to your Honor the inconvenience it is to them to have no office nearer than Carnarvon which is nine miles from some of them and five miles from the majority of fifty families, which deters them from taking newspapers or even corresponding with their friends as they would like as they would have to go that distance for an uncertainty (and the majority of the mail matter to Carnarvon is for this settlement, we are therefore left to think if your Honor knew how we are situated you would not hesitate one moment in granting our request as the extra cost would be but trifling compared with the benefit it would confer.

We have as good a school as is in the county (by the opinion of the Inspector and other conveniences but sadly in want of a post office.

Hoping in behalf of the settlers to hear a favourable answer soon I remain

Dear Sir

Your humble servant

James Melville

To the Honourable
Postmaster General
Ottawa